

1. (Amended) A method of lithographic printing comprising forming an image based on signals of image data directly on a printing page precursor mounted on a plate cylinder of a printing press, thereby preparing a printing plate, and conducting lithographic printing, wherein the step of forming the image on the printing plate precursor is carried out by an ink jet recording method in which oil-based ink is ejected utilizing an electrostatic field and further comprising using a device for fixing the image on the printing plate precursor and fixing the oil-based ink image by heating, and wherein the printing plate has an image receiving layer thereon which is hydrophilic and the oil-based ink comprises electroscopic particles.

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